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#### Morning The

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On the last page of this issue of THI SUN is printed an article showing how the Times-Union has again convicted itself of printing "tainted" news in favor of railways and against the welfare of the people.

Through false signature it attempted to betray the people for the benefit of corporate interests.

Why does the Times-Union do this malicious work?

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And the Chattel of a Republican who contributed \$2,000 to elect a Republican Governor of New York.

UNIFORMITY OR MONOPOLY-

THIS IS THE QUESTION. To-day it will probably be decided whether or not the

American Book Company will be allowed to continue its monopoly on school books in this State.

Under text book uniformity, as interpreted by the Crane bill, it is certain that the parents of the school clildren in Florida will be allowed to purchase school books at a saving of thirty per cent on the prices now prevailing

All three text book uniformity bills are set for special order to-day. The bills of Messrs. McCreary and Crane are practically the same. The slight difference in them is not apparent, but the Crane bill is entitled to more consideration than that of Mr. McCreary, because Mr. Crane has BROUGHT THE SAME BILL in this Senate that he had in the last, and Mr. McCreary has changed his position materially.

I am not able to point out the difference between the two bills, but I believe that it would be safer to adopt the

Under the Humphries bill the system now prevailing would not be materially changed - certainly not benth, ty changed.

The enactment of the Humphries bill would still keep the State at the mercy of the American Book Company, by allowing it to continue undisturbed its monopoly of ninety per cent of the book business of Florida.

It would not bring to Florida school children the cheaper prices that prevail for THE SAME SCHOOL BOOKS in Georgia.

Mr. Register, Representative of Hamilton County, has brought the most convincing argument-certainly the clearest and most easily understood argument for State uniformity as laid down by the Crane bill.

He lives close to the Georgia line and he reports that school children in his vicinity get cheaper school books because their parents go into Georgia and buy them at prices averaging thirty per cent less than they can buy them in Florida.

That they are the SAME SCHOOL BOOKS needs no argument, because if they were not the same the children would not be allowed to use them in the Florida schools.

The fact about this State uniformity proposition is that the books are identical, the paper is as good, and the binding as lasting in books sold under State uniformity as in books sold under county uniformity, There is NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS.

It has been convincingly and CONCLUSIVELY demonstrated to all who have taken the trouble to examine the books collected for that purpose in the People's Labby.

It was demonstrated at the hearing of the Joint Committee. These things being so, there is only one more westion

and the whole uniformity school book proposition is done with—the question of price. This is THIRTY PER CENT CHEAPER, and there

Senators and Representatives, do not be side-tacked.

This is ALL THERE IS TO IT. So to-day is the day for Florida to take its position alongside of the other Southern States, and case the burden to the extent of nearly one-third that now bearshard on the parents of school children.

Pass the Crane Bill.

WE NEED THIS LAW.

I hear that the State Life Insurance bill, introduced in the Senate by Mr. Tramuuell, which is set for special order at 12 m. to-day, is in danger.

There has been a rumor going around that a ufficient number of Senators have combined against it 6 insure I do not believe in rumors, and I do not believe this

If there is any bill now pending before the Lessiature which has received an indorsement that should nake its

passage certain, it is this bill for State life lasmince. Practically the same bill was before the last Logislature. The question was debated in the House and was

passed when the vote was reached. It then went over to the Senate, where it was debated at length, and with that degree of thoroughnes which an almost equal division of friends and enemia always produces.

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